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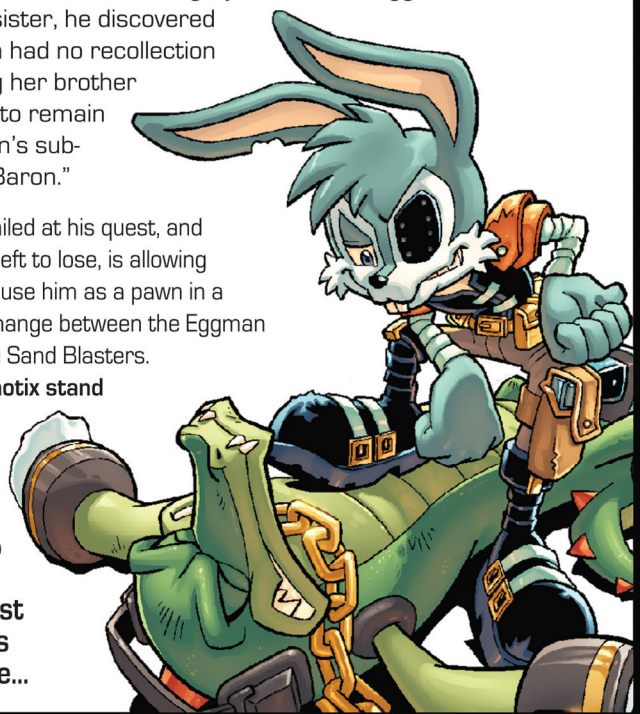
PREVIOUSLY...

The Chaotix have come a long way in their journey to find their missing friends, Mighty and Ray! Vector, Espio and Charmy discovered that their missing comrades had infiltrated the Sand Blast City Freedom Fighters under the guise of "Flex" and "Jitters," in order to rescue Mighty's long-lost sister, Matilda.

To their suprise, Matilda is now a legionized minion of Eggman's army! As our heroes have found out, not everything is as it appears in Sand Blast City – here, the Freedom Fighters, led by the vicious Jack Rabbit, are the aggressors, and Eggman's forces only wish to defend themselves! When Mighty "snuck" into Eggman's fortress to rescue his sister, he discovered that Matilda had no recollection of him being her brother and wished to remain with Eggman's sub-boss, "The Baron."

Mighty has failed at his quest, and with nothing left to lose, is allowing the Baron to use him as a pawn in a prisoner exchange between the Eggman army and the Sand Blasters.

Now the Chaotix stand poised to rescue their friends once and for all, but to do that our heroes must escape this desert alive...



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CHAOTIX DE FACTO LEADER

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THE CHAMELEON
CHAOTIX NINJA

CHARMY BEE
VETERAN CHAOTIX FLYER

MIGHTY & RAY
BROTHERS AT HEART

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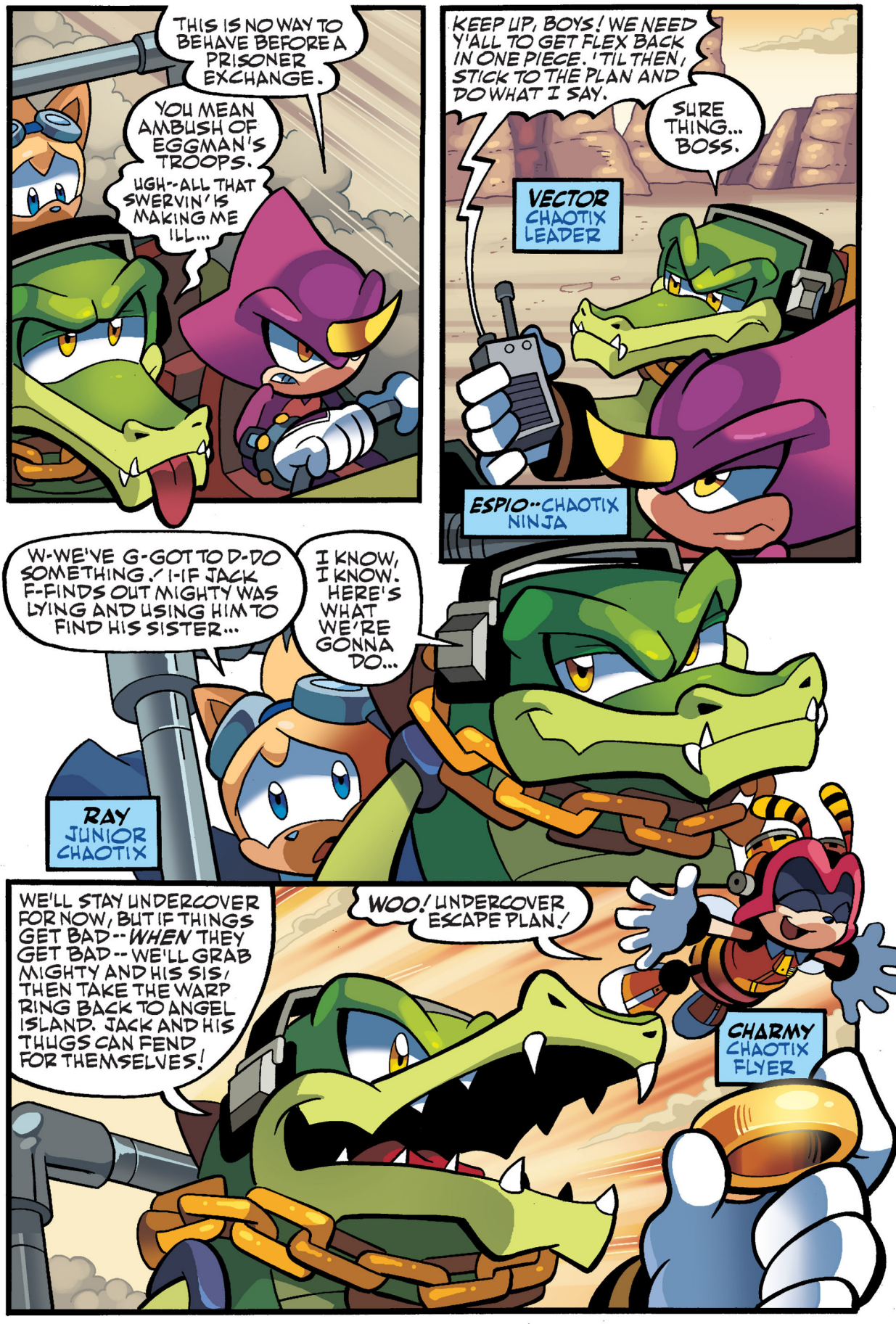
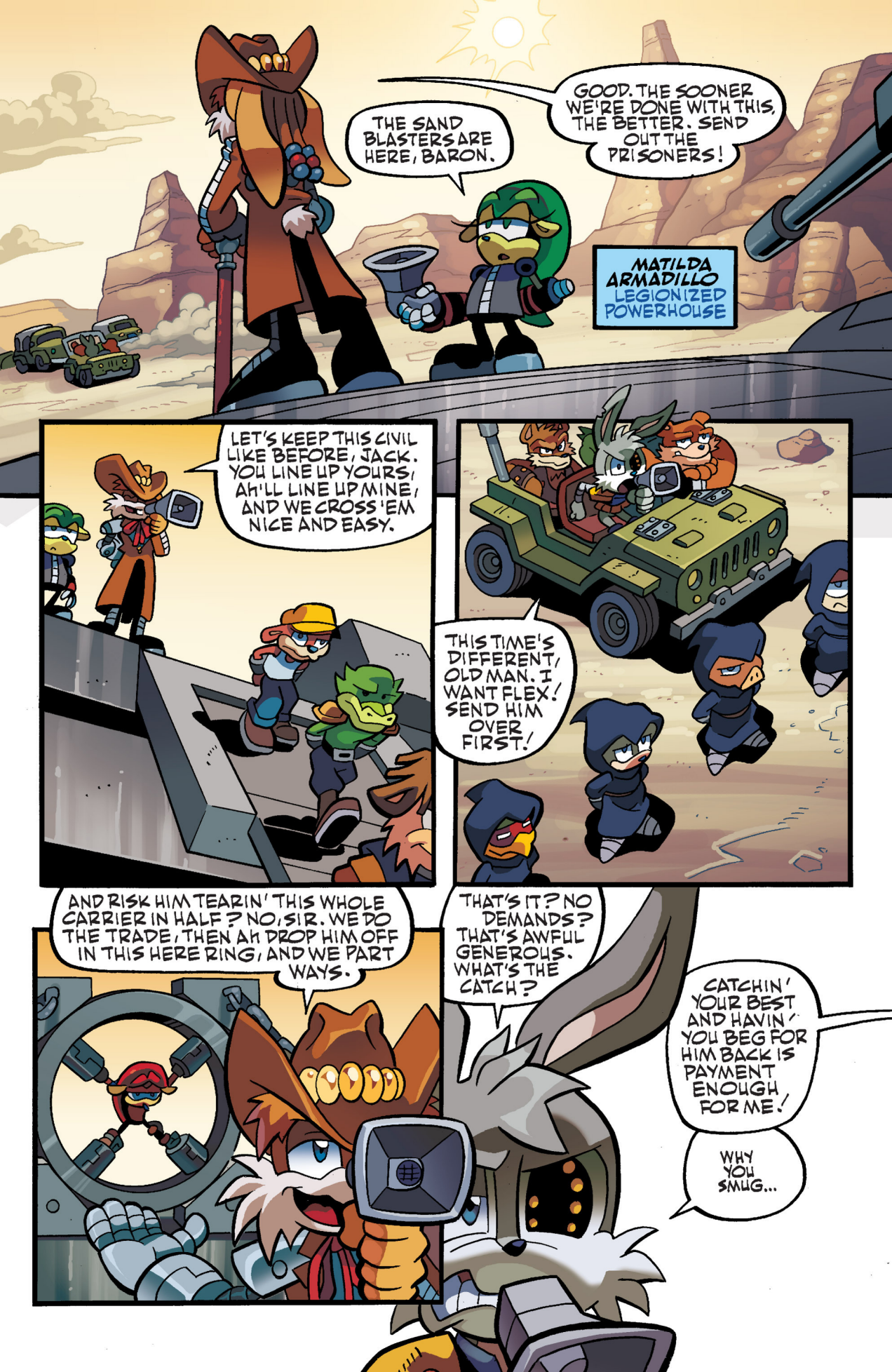

THIS IS NO WAY TO BEHAVE BEFORE A PRISONER EXCHANGE.
YOU MEAN AMBUSH OF EGGMAN'S TROOPS.
UGH--ALL THAT SWERVIN' IS MAKING ME ILL...
KEEP UP, BOYS! WE NEED Y'ALL TO GET FLEX BACK IN ONE PIECE. 'TIL THEN, STICK TO THE PLAN AND DO WHAT I SAY.
SURE THING... BOSS.
VECTOR CHAOTIX LEADER
ESPIO--CHAOTIX NINJA
W-WE'VE G-GOT TO D-DO SOMETHING./ I-IF JACK F-FINDS OUT MIGHTY WAS LYING AND USING HIM TO FIND HIS SISTER...
I KNOW, I KNOW. HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO...
RAY JUNIOR CHAOTIX
WE'LL STAY UNDERCOVER FOR NOW, BUT IF THINGS GET BAD--*WHEN* THEY GET BAD--WE'LL GRAB MIGHTY AND HIS SIS, THEN TAKE THE WARP RING BACK TO ANGEL ISLAND. JACK AND HIS THUGS CAN FEND FOR THEMSELVES!
WOO! UNDERCOVER ESCAPE PLAN!
CHARMY CHAOTIX FLYER

MEANWHILE, AT THE RENDEZVOUS POINT...
FRONT AND CENTER, MISTER "FLEX."
BUCK UP, SON. WE'LL TRADE YOU BACK TO JACK'S GANG, THEN YOU CAN ESCAPE HOME.
WITHOUT MATILDA.
IS THAT THING FOR ME?
Ah'm AFRAID SO, AND THAT Ah MUST INSIST. IF WE'RE TO PRESERVE YOUR COVER, WE'VE GOT TO PUT ON A SHOW. JACK KNOWS NO PUNY HANDCUFFS CAN HOLD YOU.
ALL MY SEARCHING AND STRUGGLING WAS FOR HER. TO GIVE HER THE FAMILY SHE NEVER HAD. TO GIVE HER PEACE, AND A LITTLE BIT OF HAPPINESS.
Ah SYMPATHIZE MORE THAN YOU KNOW. *
*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #217-218. (AVAILABLE NOW ON THE SONIC COMICS APP! PLUGPLUG!)
THE BARON SYMPATHETIC ENEMY LEADER
MIGHTY CHAOTIX POWERHOUSE


THE SAND BLASTERS ARE HERE, BARON.
GOOD. THE SOONER WE'RE DONE WITH THIS, THE BETTER. SEND OUT THE PRISONERS!
MATILDA ARMADILLO
LEGIONIZED POWERHOUSE
LET'S KEEP THIS CIVIL LIKE BEFORE, JACK. YOU LINE UP YOURS, AH'LL LINE UP MINE, AND WE CROSS 'EM NICE AND EASY.
THIS TIME'S DIFFERENT, OLD MAN. I WANT FLEX! SEND HIM OVER FIRST!
AND RISK HIM TEARIN' THIS WHOLE CARRIER IN HALF? NO, SIR. WE DO THE TRADE, THEN AH DROP HIM OFF IN THIS HERE RING, AND WE PART WAYS.
THAT'S IT? NO DEMANDS? THAT'S AWFUL GENEROUS. WHAT'S THE CATCH?
CATCHIN' YOUR BEST AND HAVIN' YOU BEG FOR HIM BACK IS PAYMENT ENOUGH FOR ME!
WHY YOU SMUG...

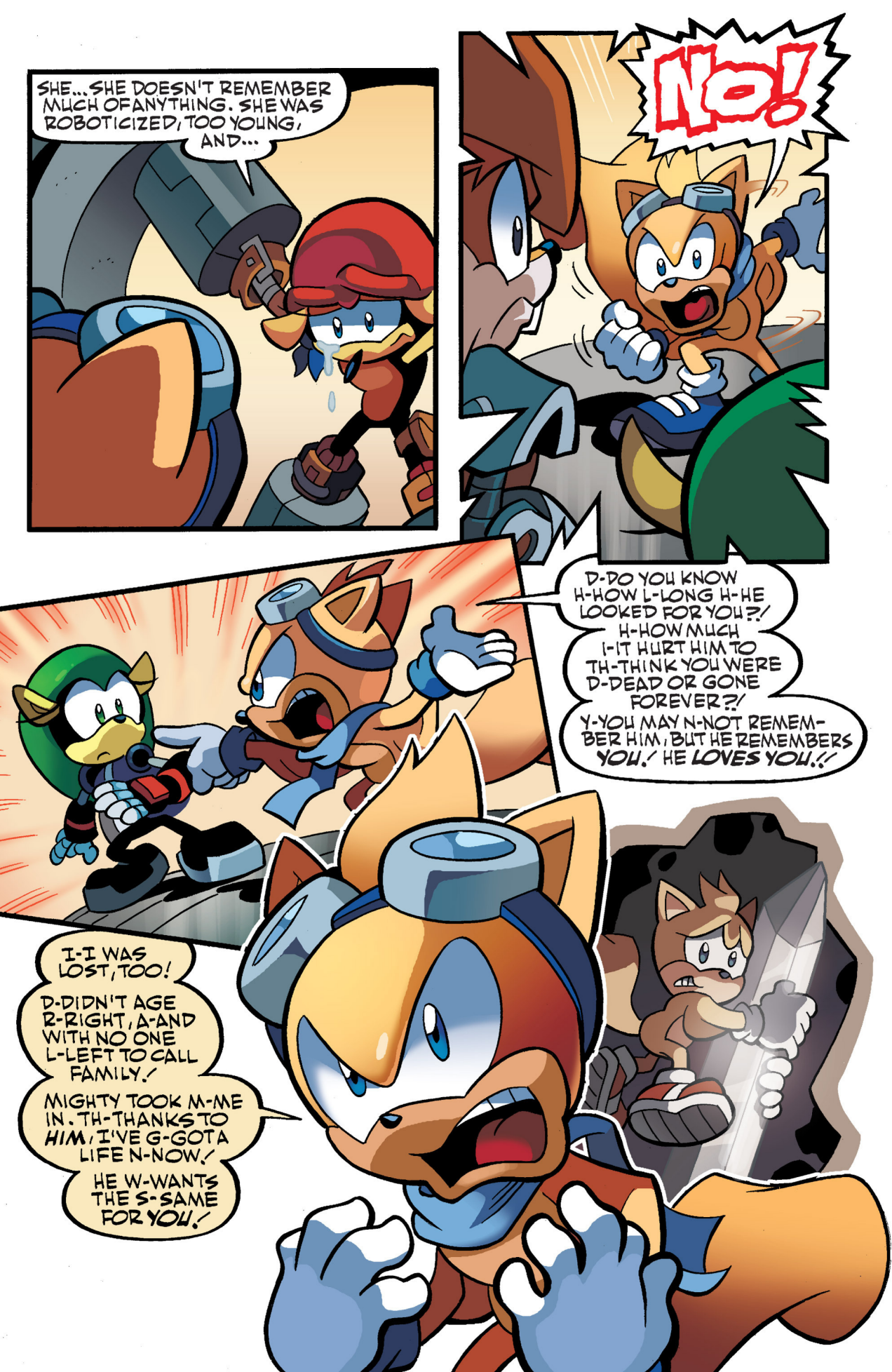
WINK!
AAAAAAND...
NOW!
IT'S A SET-UP!

THIS IS LOW... EVEN FOR YOU, JACK.
FIRE ALL CANNONS!
ALL TROOPS TO THE FRONT LINES! CHECK YOUR FIRE -- SOME IN THE ROBES ARE OURS!
KA-BOOM
BLAM
THIS IS THE PART WHERE THINGS GET BAD, RIGHT?
RIGHT.
WE GET OUR BOY, GRAB HIS SISTER, AND GET OUT! KEEP IT QUICK AND SIMPLE, CHAOTIX!

"...CHAOTIX"?
HANG ON, MIGHTY./ WE'RE COMING!
"MIGHTY?"
WHY ARE THEY CALLING HIM...?
RUN 'EM DOWN./
BOSS?
THEY'RE ONE OF THEM FAMOUS FREEDOM FIGHTER TEAMS! THEY'VE BEEN LYIN' TO OUR FACES SINCE DAY ONE./
RUN. THEM. DOWN!
BEHIND US!
HRGH!!

THIS ISN'T QUICK OR SIMPLE! SOMEBODY GET MIGHTY OVER HERE!
ALREADY COVERED!
"RAY'S ON HIS WAY!"
LET ME LOOSE! I CAN HELP!
YOU THINK JACK WILL EVER LET YOU GO IF YOUR COVER'S BLOWN?!
IT'S BLOWN! LOOK, EVEN IF MATILDA'S REJECTED ME, DON'T LEAVE ME HANGING HERE TO WATCH HER GET ATTACKED!
LET HIM GO! NOW!
RAY?! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE SOMEWHERE SAFE!

YOU WILL NOT THREATEN THE BARON.
RAY! TILLY! STOP IT.!!
HOLD ON! HOLD ON! CHILDREN SHOULDN'T BE FIGHTIN' LIKE THIS.!
T-TILLY? Y-YOU'RE HIS SISTER?!
SO HE SAYS. THE BARON AGREES. I SUPPOSE IT'S TRUE, THEN.
TH-THEN LET'S G-GO! W-WE'LL RESCUE YOUR BROTHER AND WE'LL ALL G-GO HOME!
I HAVE NO HOME.
I HAVE NO FEELINGS FOR THIS "BROTHER"!
DO WHAT YOU WANT, BUT LEAVE ME ALONE.


SHE...SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER MUCH OF ANYTHING. SHE WAS ROBOTICIZED, TOO YOUNG, AND...
NO!
D-DO YOU KNOW H-HOW L-LONG H-HE LOOKED FOR YOU?! H-HOW MUCH I-IT HURT HIM TO TH-THINK YOU WERE D-DEAD OR GONE FOREVER?!
Y-YOU MAY N-NOT REMEMBER HIM, BUT HE REMEMBERS YOU.! HE LOVES YOU.!!
I-I WAS LOST, TOO!
D-DIDN'T AGE R-RIGHT, A-AND WITH NO ONE L-LEFT TO CALL FAMILY.!
MIGHTY TOOK M-ME IN. TH-THANKS TO HIM, I'VE G-GOTA LIFE N-NOW.!
HE W-WANTS THE S-SAME FOR YOU.!

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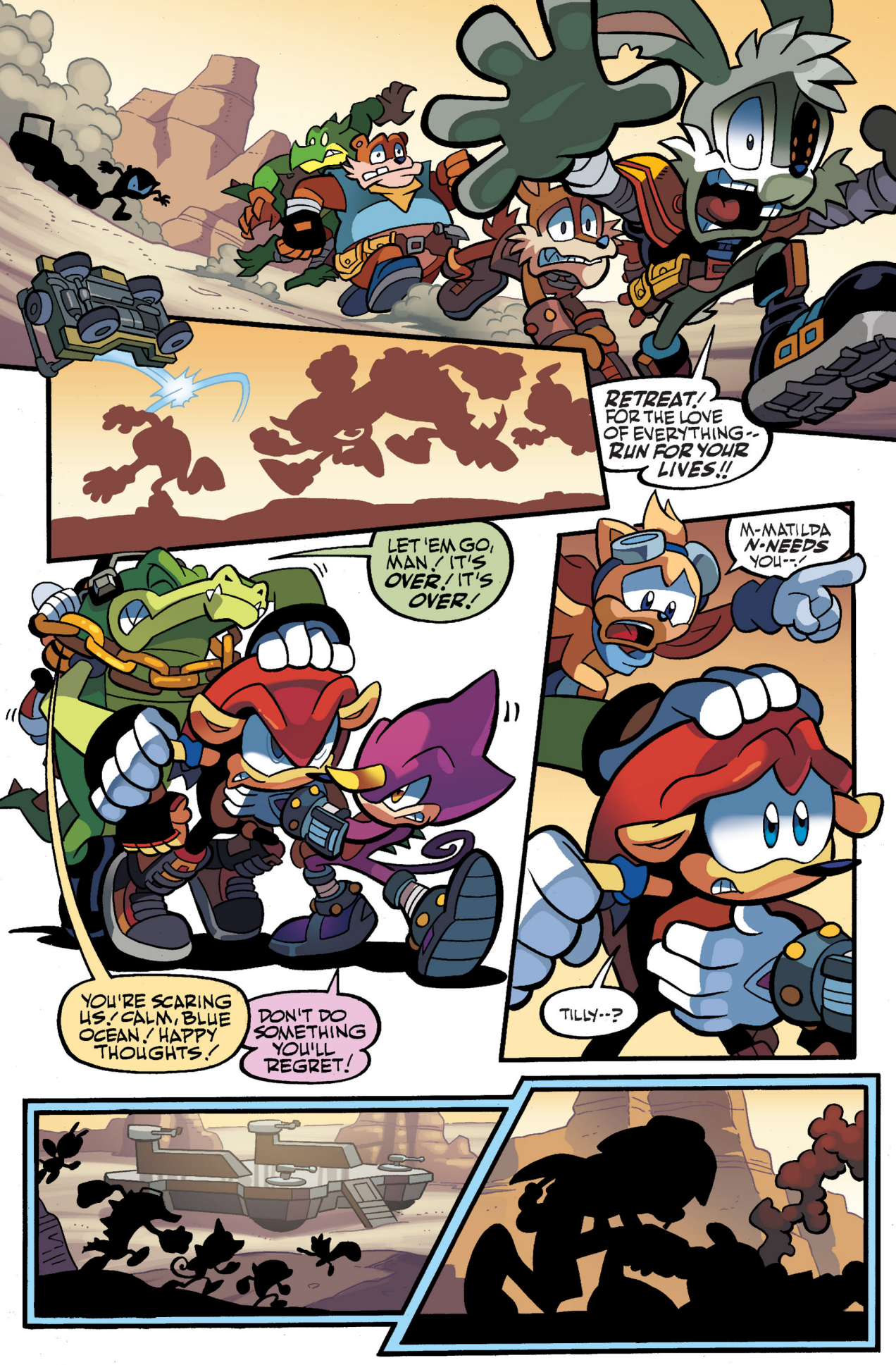
"Y-YOU D-DON'T REMEMBER HIM? SO WHAT?
"Y-YOU RE-MEMBER BEING ALONE, R-RIGHT? S-SCARED?
"H-HE WON'T EVER LEAVE YOU ALONE AGAIN. H-HOW C-CAN YOU N-NOT WANT THAT?
"H-HE WILL ALWAYS BE TH-THERE FOR YOU."
L-LIKE H-HE'S A-ALWAYS THERE F-FOR M-ME!
WOW. THAT WAS BEAUTIFUL.
ONE SIDE! COMIN' THROUGH!
NICE DISTRACTION, KID.

ENEMIES ARE ONE THING... BUT JACK HATES TRAITORS./ HASTA LA VISTA, FLEX./ YOU'RE MY TICKET TO SOME RESPECT AROUND HERE!
CREEEAK
GET AWAY--
--FROM MY--
BROTHER!!

THAT TEARS IT... MURPHY? YOU STILL RUNNING?
NEW ORDERS! FIRE ON FLEX AND THE BARON!
SURE AM, BOSS. FIRING AT WILL!
FLEX? AND I SEE KIDS UP THERE...
I SAID FIRE!!
BLAM
TILLY..! MOVE!

CLANG

JACK!
CLANG!
WHAM


RETREAT! FOR THE LOVE OF EVERYTHING-- RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!!
LET 'EM GO, MAN! IT'S OVER! IT'S OVER!
M-MATILDA N-NEEDS YOU--!
YOU'RE SCARING US! CALM, BLUE OCEAN! HAPPY THOUGHTS!
DON'T DO SOMETHING YOU'LL REGRET!
TILLY--?

LATER...
BATTLING AGAINST FREEDOM FIGHTERS. HANGING OUT WITH EGGMAN'S FLUNKIES. SO...WEIRD.
NO CRACK ABOUT MY ALLEGIANCES?
EH, NOT THE TIME.
WE'RE FINISHED.
AND?! HOW IS SHE?!
WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN FOR HER--

HOW DO YOU FEEL?
YEAH. THANKS TO YOU.
OKAY. WEAK. ARE YOU SAFE?
GOOD. I... I DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY BROTHER AGAIN.
YOU'VE GOT MORE THAN ONE. RAY./ GET OVER HERE./
TOLDJA SO. GET OVER THERE, KID.
TILLY, THIS IS RAY. WELCOME BACK TO THE FAMILY.
H-HI, MATILDA. I--I ALWAYS W-WONDERED WHAT IT'D BE LIKE TO H-HAVE A SISTER./
HELLO, RAY. THANK YOU FOR... MAKING ME SEE. I'M HAPPY TO HAVE SUCH GOOD BROTHERS.
:ahem.:

AS AH WAS SAYIN'--WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN FOR HER FOR NOW. SHE'LL NEED A NEW ARM, WHICH NEEDS BALANCIN' AND CALIBRATIN'. THERE'S SYSTEMIC DAMAGE THAT WILL TAKE CARE, PRECISION AND TOOLS WE ONLY HAVE HERE.
WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
MATILDA NEEDS TO STAY WITH US AND FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY, YOU HAVE TO GO. AH'M SO SORRY, DARLIN'.
I... I UNDERSTAND.
I... I CAN PUT ON A ROBE. / TAKE ON ANOTHER NAME. / DON'T MAKE ME LOSE HER AGAIN. /
THAT KINDA RUSE WON'T LAST, AND YOU KNOW IT. YOU'RE NOT LOSIN' HER, SON. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HER HERE... AND YOU CAN ALWAYS VISIT... CAREFULLY.
AND DON'T FORGET...
...YOU'VE GOT US TOO, BIG GUY. THE CHAOTIX TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN.
YEAH... YOU FOUND ME... HELPED ME...
THANKS, GUYS.

THIS ISN'T GOODBYE, I PROMISE YOU. WE WILL BE TOGETHER.
I... BELIEVE YOU. I LOOK FORWARD TO IT... BIG BROTHER.
C'MON, MIGHTY. LET'S GET BACK TO THE ISLAND. THE MASTER EMERALD ISN'T GONNA GUARD ITSELF.
ALRIGHT.
FWASH
THANK YOU, BARON.
YOU'VE GOT A FINE FAMILY, MATILDA. WE'LL GET YOU HEALED UP AND BACK TO THEM AS SOON AS WE CAN.
THINK NOTHIN' OF IT, SWEETHEART... IF THERE'S ANYTHING I KNOW...
...IT'S THE PAIN OF A FAMILY DIVIDED.

THE CHAOTIX'S QUEST IS ALMOST OVER! CHECK OUT THEIR FINAL STEPS IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #246!

NEXT TIME: METAL SONIC!

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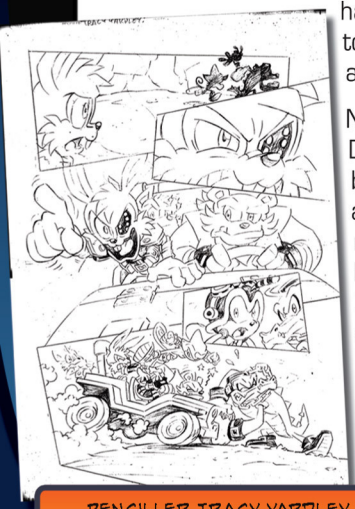
editorial commentary that's got the moves like Mighty!

JOURNEY'S END -- AND A NEW BEGINNING?

Thanks to some handy heroics and detective work, (see, they can do both!) the Chaotix are once again whole, and Mighty and his sister are united in spirit. That was a truly epic battle in this issue, and some special thanks go to Tracy Yardley for really showcasing all the complex emotions these characters have gone through! Big props to the whole team as well, and a congratulations to Matt Herms on his first, complete Sonic Universe arc as colorist!



PENCILLER TRACY YARDLEY BEAUTIFULLY CAPTURES THE CHARACTERS' EMOTIONS IN THESE AWESOME INTERIORS!

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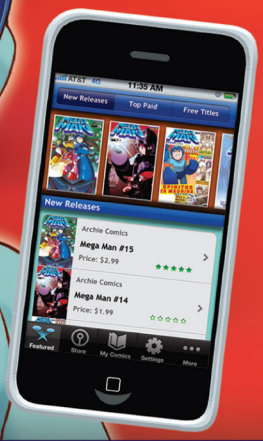

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METAL SONIC HAS RETURNED AND HE WANTS REVENGE! AFTER COUNTLESS DEFEATS, MOSTLY AT THE HANDS OF SONIC, METAL SONIC IS OUT TO PROVE HIMSELF AS THE ULTIMATE FORM OF DESTRUCTION BY TAKING DOWN HIS "BROTHER" SHARD, THE ORIGINAL MECHA SONIC!

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"ENDANGERED SPECIES" PART 4 (of 4)
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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I'll have the usual.

1. I am a huge fan of the comics and the Chaotix and want to know where are Mighty's parents? Are they dead or alive?

Mighty's parents were thieves, and were imprisoned long ago. They both have passed on.

2. I wanted to know if I could be Mighty the Armadillo's number one fan?

Only if you say please!

3. The Sand Blasters are Freedom Fighters, right? So why do they have violent tendencies towards good guys?

Not all Freedom Fighters are friendly! They have questionable tactics and never joke around, it's in their nature.

4. My last question is: Are you guys doing some special comic for Sonic Universe #50? Because that would be awesome.
-- Kudos to Tracy

Yardley! for always drawing awesome comics, Ian for great plots, and the rest of you. Keep on juicin.

from Sean, Mighty's number one fan and loyal member of the Chaotix.

Thanks, Sean! Look up and see for yourself!

See ya'll next month for our big milestone issue, Sonic Universe #50!

IT'S YOUR SONIC UNIVERSE!

We want <u>your</u> input! Write & tell us what you're likin', lovin', or what's leaving you in the dust! Remember, include "My Sonic Universe" in the subject line on your letter or e-mail! It's your Sonic Universe, after all, so drop us a line!